

### MY FATHERS PROMISES

In the furnace of affliction  
I have chosen thee. Behold,  
That for iron I'll give thee silver,  
And for brass I'll bring thee gold.

When thou passeth through the waters  
And the rivers deep and wide,  
They shall not o'erflow thee ever;  
I am always at thy side.

Though My face for one small moment  
May be hidden from thy view,  
Yet with tender loving kindness  
I will gather thee anew.

Beauty I will give for ashes,  
A garment too of holy praise;  
The oil of joy I'll give for mourning,  
I will bless thee all thy days.

On my palms thou art engraven,  
I will forsake thee never.  
I am the first, I am the last,  
I am thy God forever.

LILLIE BUFFUM.



# True Rest

By R. J. THURMOND

Heb. 4:1-11. Verse 9—"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."



R. J. Thurmond

What a wonderful thought is this subject of rest! But how few enter into it. Many face business and home problems today in unrest and uncertainty. Many are racked with pain and suffering which allows them no rest. Many are under condemnation which brings torturous thoughts; and this may be said of many so-called Christian people. It should not be so. There is a rest for the people of God. To you who are weary and heavy-laden the Master said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest. . . my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The portion of the Scripture under consideration is referring to the Children of Israel. Many bleached their bones in the wilderness because of unbelief. The believer is exhorted to take heed lest he should fall short, failing to enter into what God had purposed for those who have been delivered from the bondage of sin. After Israel was delivered from Egypt, their lives in the wilderness wanderings were filled with the spirit of unbelief and much murmuring, finally provoking God to their exclusion from the promised rest in Canaan.

On the other side of this we see the land of promise with the rest instead of the desert wanderings, with abundance of all things instead of want, and finally complete victory over every enemy instead of defeat.

These are two stages in the Christian life. One is when we only know the Lord as the Saviour, from Egypt, as it were, in His work on the cross of atonement and of pardon for sin; and the other, when He is known and welcomed as the glorified Priest and King in heaven Who, in the power of an endless life, sanctifies and saves completely, writing His laws on our hearts, and leading us to find a home in His holy presence.

The aim of the writer is to warn us not to rest content with just a start in the Christ life, but for us to show all diligence in reaching toward this second stage, to enter the promised rest of complete deliverance, to live in the enjoyment of walking with the Lord, letting Him fight our battles. Thus, we enter into rest.

Some think that the rest of Canaan is a type of heaven. This cannot be, for the mark of the Canaan life was that the land had to be conquered and God would give glorious victory over all enemies. The rest of Canaan was victory through God's mighty power as He worked for them. So it is in the life of faith when a soul learns to trust God for victory over sin, and yields entirely to the will of God, yielding every circumstance and every duty to live just where and how He wills it to be. Then it is that the soul enters into rest, for it lives in the promise, in the will, and in the power of God.

The rest that is entered into is not through death but through faith—albeit the death of self-will.

The reason Israel did not enter Canaan was because of their unbelief. The land was waiting; the rest was provided; God Himself would bring them in and give them rest; but ONE THING was lacking—they DID NOT BELIEVE, and so they did not yield themselves to God to do it for them. Unbelief closes the heart against God, and withdraws the life from God's power. Unbelief renders God's promise of none effect.

The most precious assurance of rest is to be found under the yoke of Jesus. It is a peace of God that passes all understanding, a peace and a joy in the soul that nothing can take away. But WHEN GOD'S PROMISE IS NOT BELIEVED THIS CANNOT BE ENJOYED, for faith is a resting in the promise and in the promiser until it be fulfilled. Only faith can enter into rest. The fulness of faith enters into the full rest.

The Scripture says "For we which have believed do enter into rest." It does not say "shall enter." Today, even as the Holy Ghost saith, right now and here, we which have believed do enter into rest.

The initial faith which brought us out of sin must be held firm, and it will help us to the fulness of faith that will bring us over into the promised land of rest. The promise is to those who hold fast the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end.

The whole epistle of Hebrews is written in a personal tone. It urgently appeals to us for faith as the one thing needful in our dealings with the Word of God, for without it the Word cannot be of profit to us.

We may seek by thought and study to enter into the meaning of the promised rest; but God has sworn that we never shall enter into the possession of it but by faith. God asks that we develop the habit of faith that keeps the heart open toward Him. It is the soul that thirsts for God that has the spiritual capacity for receiving the wonderful truths of the Christ life, and knows how Christ Himself can bring him into the very presence of God.

Would you enter into that rest? Remember Moses brought the children of Israel out of Egypt but Joshua brought

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# The Grace of Our Lord

by EDWIN J. HOLMES

## THINGS TO PUT OUT OF OUR LIVES

*"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared." Titus 2:11.*

The Saviour came into the world in a lowly manner to a lowly place to reveal His grace sufficient for the most lowly. The poor might be unable to attain to the high places of position and power, but all, high and low alike, might meet Him in the lowly place.

He came to one of the most difficult countries in the world in which to travel, and with the exception of one short ride upon the little beast of burden, He traveled in the most exhausting manner, on foot; revealing His grace sufficient for every difficulty and for every walk and way of life. Doctor Talmage, who traveled extensively in Palestine, tells us that the way from Galilee to Jerusalem is mountainous and hard in the extreme, and that the path over the mount of Olives between Jerusalem and Bethany is steep and exhausting to a man accustomed to walking, yet my Lord walked it often and at times twice a day.

He came to a subject and oppressed people, revealing grace sufficient to bring heart liberty without regard to surroundings or physical conditions.

He came to the most difficult people in the world to reach with the gospel, the Jews; proud because of spiritual advantages, hardened through rebellion. He said that if His works had been done among the most wicked of the Gentiles, the people of Sodom, they would have been spared judgment. Yet many of the Jews believed, and among them He established His church, showing forth saving grace sufficient for every nation, every tribe, every people.

The first to taste redeeming grace after the sorrows of the cross was a thief, wicked, self-condemned, with a virtueless past and a hopeless future. There is nothing in His past life upon which to base His plea except His need; and that is all that is required. One cry for help, and the Saviour graciously forgives and accepts. One of the miracles of chemistry is that from the deep blackness of coal tar can be brought forth the colors of the rainbow. "This day thou shalt be with Me." No more a black

hearted thief, but changed into beauty by the presence of the Beautiful One. No questions asked, no promises made, He joins no church. There are no good works. He is not baptised in water. There would have been all of these in following Christ, but now there is no time. Entering into salvation must of necessity be so; faith on the part of man, grace on the part of God.

"Grace, Grace, God's Grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within.  
Grace, Grace, God's Grace,  
Grace that is greater than all my sin."

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(Mrs. Josephine Miller, who died in her ninety-fourth year, was the Sunday School Superintendent in the first church Brother J. W. Belchar pastored. He knew her to be an outstanding woman of God.)

A chief delight of "Mother" Miller throughout her long life was the Word of God. She committed to memory the entire New Testament and many portions of the Old Testament, and in later years when her eyes were dim and she could no longer read, she would recite that which had been previously committed. She loved to express herself in poetry, not only committing to memory choice poems for use as occasion opened the way, but she also developed considerable poetic ability. Even when she could not put her thoughts in writing, because of impaired eye-sight, she composed many high-grade productions which she held in memory and repeated to the edification of friends and neighbors on various occasions. The following production, one of her latest compositions, was kept in her much-used Bible, and indicates her spiritual insight and her familiarity with, and high conception of the Word of God which has been her comfort and delight through the years:

### THE BIBLE

This Book contains the mind of God,  
The state of man,  
The way of salvation,  
The doom of sinners,  
And the happiness of believers.

Its doctrine is holy,  
Its precepts are binding,  
Its histories are true  
And its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise,  
Believe it to be safe,  
And practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you,  
Food to support you,  
And comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map,  
The pilgrim's staff,  
The pilot's compass,  
The soldier's sword,  
And the Christian's charter.

Here heaven is opened  
And the gates of hell disclosed.

Christ is its grand subject,  
Our good its design  
And the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory,  
Rule the heart,  
And guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully.

It is a mine of wealth,  
Health to the soul  
And a river of pleasure.

It is given you here in this life,  
Will be opened at the Judgment,  
And is established forever.

It involves the highest responsibility,  
Will reward the greatest labor,  
And condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.



# Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY  
BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## Aerial Transports

Glenn L. Martin has an airship as big as a 15-room house, able to carry 125 fully equipped troops and a 13½-ton tank. Further, he is ready to start work on another air giant twice as big: a 250,000 pound aerial colossus. In his mind he plans another: a 500,000 pound freight-carrier.



Albert J. Lebeck

Ship builders are talking today of converting some of their shipyards to building aerial transports in order to overcome the U-boat menace.

## Soviet Bloodguiltiness

The number of lives that have been lost through Nazi blood purges, hostage killings, anti-Semitic riots, etc., is notorious, but let us remember that Soviet blood-guiltiness has been even greater. From the time the Soviet regime came into power until 1935, the number of Russians executed were 28 bishops and higher clergy, 6,778 priests, 6,585 school-teachers, 8,800 doctors, 51,850 army officers, 200,850 policemen and other officials, and 11,488,520 peasants and artisans. These make the staggering total of 11,726,746 people put to death in Russia up to 1935—nearly two million more dead than the total killed in the World War! These figures were reported by Henri Bero, French socialist.

In their mad lust for power, neither Nazi nor Soviet leaders have hesitated to shed the blood of those who stood in their way. They have disregarded the teaching of the Bible on the sanctity of human life. God has said, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man." Gen. 9:6—Evangel, July, 1942.

## On The Russian Border

Between 1938 and 1942 two and a quarter million copies of the Scripture were distributed in the European countries bordering Russia, by the Scripture Gift Mission (London) alone.

## A History of H. M. S. "Repulse"

Robert Munroe, who has a mission in Halifax, writes in the *Presbyterian Guardian*:

"About the middle of July, I was sitting in my office when a commander walked in and said, 'Are you Bob Munroe?' 'Yes, sir,' I said. 'Well, Bob, I've heard my men speak so much of you I thought I'd come and see you. I am a Christian. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I am Commander Williamson of the "Repulse." The talk went on, and finally we parted, the Commander apologizing for not inviting me to the battleship, as it was against orders, but promising to come Sunday night with some of his men. When Sunday night came the mission was packed with sailors. One after another stood up and told of his faith in Jesus Christ. Finally the Commander himself stood and outlined his personal trust in Jesus Christ. Then an invitation was given and three fine men came forward and professed Christ, one being the chief petty officer of the "Repulse."

"In a few days that mighty ship steamed out of port, never to return."

## Grace Doth Much More Abound

Robert S. James, convicted of the slaying of his wife by administering snake-bite, was hung at San Quentin on May 1. That his life had been one of deep sin, he freely admitted, yet he was able to testify that where sin abounded, "grace did much more abound," and he had the consciousness of guilt removed through the blood of Christ. Those who knew James well during the several years he had lingered in prison were satisfied that a real work of grace had been wrought in his heart.

## Religious Merger

A plan is under way to merge eight interdenominational units, looking toward unity. These agencies are The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, International Council of Religious Education, Home Missions Council, Foreign Missions Conference, National Council of Church Women, Council of Church Boards of Education, Missionary Education Movement and the Association of

Council Secretaries. This new body would be called the "Council of the Churches of Christ in North America."

## Prosperity

The Le Tourneau Company, maker of heavy road-building machinery, reports a climb of its sales from \$119,808 in 1930, to \$2,004,595 in 1935, to \$10,740,945 in 1940, and to \$19,123,880 in the first eleven months of 1941. The interesting point about this success story is that the head of the business, R. G. Le Tourneau, is a Christian layman and most of its profits (90%) go into the gospel work. Mr. Le Tourneau spends his week-ends in gospel ministry from place to place. He gives much time and thought to Christian work.

## General MacArthur and the Bible

Before he was graduated from West Point, General Douglas MacArthur had read the Bible through six times. Thus our thorough-going American hero has set a splendid example in his reading of the Bible!

## Henry Ford and the Bible

"Mr. Ford took a pledge with President Woodrow Wilson during war days that he would read the Bible every day. He keeps that pledge, and in order to do so, he has a Bible in every room in his house, so that, when he sits down he will have the Book of Books handy to his reach and his heart."

## Recording on Wire

The Armour Research Foundation announced a new device which records sound on a thin steel wire about as thick as a human hair.

The wire records sound magnetically, and can be played back immediately without any processing. The wire can retain its sound potential for years; or, like a slate, it may be "wiped clean" by demagnetizing and used over again.

The Lord records our every word, but He can also destroy the sinful record.

## How Sound?

Launched in New York is the new Conference of Alcoholic Beverage Industries, which is to whitewash the booze business. Composed of eight prominent liquor and hotel groups, its job specifically is to com-

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# News From Here and There

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :-: 2622 W Street :-: Sacramento, California

**ALTURAS**—One of the portable tabernacles of the District is in Alturas for the remainder of the summer. Brother Shirley Oliver is the pastor.

**BERKELEY**—Brother Robert Thomas commenced a meeting with Pastor Eleanor Johnson, Sunday, July 26.

**BOONVILLE**—Evangelists E. J. Holmes and Thomas G. Jackson are holding a campaign for Pastor Glenn D. Akers. A very fine meeting is in progress.

**CHICO**—Pastor Paul E. Radley reports that there is much rejoicing in the blessing of the Lord in Chico. Some have been saved and some filled with the Spirit recently. The Fox Evangelistic Party will be with them a few days the latter part of August.

**ESCALON**—After more than seven years as pastor of the Glad Tiding Church Brother C. E. Persing resigned on July 12. His farewell service was conducted Sunday morning, July 26. A meeting of fellowship was held Saturday, July 25, at which time the many friends of Brother and Sister Persing and family gathered to wish them farewell and God's blessings as they go to their new field of labor. The gathering was also made in observance of the 25th wedding anniversary of the Persings. Brother Persing has been the Presbyter of the North San Joaquin District for the past six years, and will be greatly missed from that section.

**FORT BRAGG**—Brother E. Paul Johnson has resigned as the pastor.

**HOLLISTER**—Pastor Marion Minogue and her co-worker, Glenora McMillan, held a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School early this summer. Sixty children were in regular attendance during the two weeks in which the school was open. Not only was it a success as far as attendance goes, but also the children were greatly benefitted spiritually, many finding and learning more of the Lord and His Word.

**MODESTO**—One of the district tents is in the airport district with Pastor E. L. Adams.

**MODESTO**—(Assembly of God Church)—Evangelists Leonard and Medora Combs began an evangelistic meeting with Pastor H. T. Langley on July 19. The Lord is blessing their efforts. No definite report has come in at this time of writing.

**OAKLAND**—(Bethel Church)—Evangelist Arne Vick held a good meeting for Pastor R. H. Moon starting on July 5.

**OAKLAND** (Temple Church)—The Fox Evangelistic Party will begin a meeting with

Pastor E. Wm. Anderson on August 16. The meeting will close on the 23rd according to present plans.

**OAKLAND** (Revival Tabernacle)—Evangelists Clarence Smith and Oscar Rogers have closed a two weeks' meeting with Pastor H. J. Ketner.

**OAKLAND** (First Pentecostal Church)—Kenneth Wise, a *Gideon* from the Fresno Camp, and Albert J. Lebeck, Bible Secretary from the Sacramento Camp, were the speakers at a special *Gideon* service on Sunday night, July 19. The speakers presented the ministry of the *Gideons*, emphasizing the latest project of placing the New Testament with the Psalms, in the hands of the boys in the service. Interesting experiences were related of the fruit of this work at Pearl Harbor, etc. An offering of \$137.20 was received and 59 Bible banks were distributed. This will make it possible for nearly 800 boys to obtain a copy of a pocket size New Testament with the Psalms.

**PATTERSON**—Pastor C. R. Peterson has resigned the pastorate there. Henry C. Vancil, formerly of Pismo Beach, is the new pastor.

**RICHMOND**—C. E. Persing is the new pastor of Full Gospel Assembly, Richmond. He commenced his ministry there Sunday evening, July 26.

**ST. HELENA**—Brother Jack Opie is the new pastor of the church on the campground. His ministry there commenced July 26.

**SAN FRANCISCO** (Glad Tidings)—Evangelist and Mrs. Vernon Murray will hold a three-weeks meeting during August.

**SACRAMENTO**—Pastor W. T. Gaston will be one of the speakers at the Southern California District camp which will be held at the Pacific Palisades campground in Santa Monica. He also plans to be away from his pulpit for a few weeks longer on a vacation. During his absence Brother and Sister Floyd Hawkins of Bakersfield will fill the pulpit.

Sunday morning, July 19, the Sacramento Camp of the *Gideons* had charge of the service at which time they presented their work in placing New Testaments in the hands of the Service men. *Gideon* Stifle of Oakland, and Albert J. Lebeck were the speakers. Sunday evening Pastor A. A. Lowe of Roseville was the speaker.

**SANTA ROSA**—The Fox Evangelistic Party commenced a meeting with Pastor M. P. Bohnet on August 2.

**STANDARD**—A good Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted by Pastor and Mrs. Harold Rhodes during the latter part of July. The average attendance was 47.

**TURLOCK**—Brother Allen J. Brown is the new pastor of Bethel Temple. Brother Brown returns to this district after having a good ministry in other states. He comes at this time from Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

**UKIAH**—Pastor Raymond P. Murray writes: "When we arrived home (from camp meeting) we discovered to our glad surprise that the sideboards, front doors, and the platform had been painted; and that new curtains had been put around the platform and the altar was re-covered. . . . We are striving to do all that we possibly can this summer toward completion of our building. The new seats, together with the new painting and curtains, surely make an added improvement."

**VACAVILLE**—The Light Bearer's Quartette held a meeting Sunday, July 19. Brother and Sister Lee Constant are pastors.

**WILLITS**—Brother and Sister L. F. Wilson are the new pastors. They took up their new duties July 19.

## PERSONAL MENTION

**BROTHER WESLEY JAEGER** sends his love and greetings to his friends in the District. He is still in evangelistic work in South Africa where he is being used of the Lord in winning many souls to the Saviour. Many have been saved and many filled with the Holy Spirit in meetings held recently. He would enjoy hearing from his friends here. Mail will reach him at P. O. Box 1636, Johannesburg, South Africa.

**SISTER LYDIA GRANER** is now home from her work in the mission field in South India. We thank the Lord that she made the trip safely through dangerous waters.

**BROTHER AND SISTER E. A. BALLIET** have returned to Minneapolis, Minn. to resume their work in the ministry there with Brother Frank J. Lindquist.

**BROTHER E. C. LAGMAY**, President of the Filipino Assemblies of God, reports that he has had several revival meetings in the Kansas and Oklahoma Districts. At present District Superintendent V. G. Greisen has been traveling with Brother Lagmay over the district holding special two-weeks meetings. Many have been saved and filled with Holy Spirit.

Mrs. R. E. Denny has opened a new work in Hawthorne, Nevada, and asks an interest in prayer. On July 19 there were 13 in Sunday School and in the evening service. Services are being held in the Legion Hall.



# Foreign Missions

## BRAZIL

Brother and Sister Bernhard Johnson (Antonette Johnson) are seeing the work of the Lord go forward in their field of labor in South America. They write: "The work is coming along fine in every place which we have opened to minister the Word.

"We told you that we were going to Tres Coracoes to look for a meeting hall and to baptize some new converts. We have been there now and have baptized three, two ladies and one army official. It was a really happy day at the river, more than two hundred persons were down to see the baptismal service. Everybody of the unsaved thought we were going to baptize our baby; so when I entered the water I had a great opportunity to preach to them both about salvation and about baptism in water. I told them the Scripture says, 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.' And I asked them how a baby two months old could believe. It was a good opportunity to preach the Word.

"In Tres Pontas the work is coming along just fine. God is blessing and increasing the number. The meeting hall used to be a place of really worldly amusements, but now it is a place of prayer. Over the door now is written *Assembly of God*.

"I don't remember if I told you about a wonderful healing that took place in Tres Pontas. A girl twelve years of age had suffered all of her life with epileptic attacks. Last December we prayed for her and believed that God would undertake and heal her so that she would be a real testimony in that town. God heard and answered prayer and healed that girl completely. Now she is strong and healthy. She and the whole family of ten are members of the church there now.

"We opened the work in the month of December last year . . . in Tres Pontas. God is blessing in that place in a wonderful way. We were going to stay there only for two days. . . . but a real revival broke out so we had to stay the whole week . . . . Fourteen sinners came to the Lord in one night, accepting Him as their personal Saviour. The first one to accept Christ there was a young business man and his wife. We went to that town not knowing anyone. We were walking the streets look-

ing for a place to hold our meetings. It was nearly dark when we met this man and he said that his house was open to us.

"We started the meeting with Bernhard, Jr., playing his accordion. In five minutes the house and every window was packed with people. At last we had to move out on the street corner. More than three hundred attended that meeting and thirty-five raised their hands for salvation, and knelt in prayer on the street corner. That is the way God opens doors sometimes, and other times there is persecution. But 'greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.'

"Here in Varginha, God is continuing to bless. One family came to our church one Sunday night. The man had such a desire to play the guitar that he wanted to make friends with us in order that he could play it. They came to three meetings, and the third meeting the whole family of six accepted Christ. Now the man is playing the guitar in the meetings. . . .

"This is just a little glance of the things God is doing for us out here. We realize that it is through your prayers and means that God can help us and use us here for His glory."

## INDIA

A delayed letter from Sister Inez Kreiss arrived too late for the last issue of GLAD TIDINGS. She is still carrying on her work for the Lord in the B. C. H. Mission, Orai, Jalaun District, U. P., India. She writes:

"The month of March has brought varied experiences. First, the workers all went to Hindustani convention at Siswa. This is held each year for the encouragement of their faith, and to give a bit of Bible study, and to share burdens. . . . Since their return, all have gone forth with renewed zeal and effort into the homes and the villages in and about Orai. You will rejoice to hear that two of the girls from one of the Christian homes in the village received the precious infilling of His Spirit while at the convention.

"We are having many wonderful new openings into homes these days. We are meeting many new people, and they call us to them to hear what we have to say. Sometimes we are told 'I heard that story in such and such a place, but you say the same thing; tell it again.' Others have never

heard. So our opportunities are increasing day by day. . . .

"About a week or so ago, slight earthquake shocks were felt around about us. The folk don't say to us now, 'you talk about things that we know nothing about.' Some want to see that Book and read for themselves, while those who have been ministered to for many years have become hardened to the gospel, and are saying 'yes, they told us but we did not believe them; but it's just as they said it would be. But my heart is hard now, etc.'

"It is hard work, and the unusual heat this year makes it harder for some of us. It became hot so suddenly that we have not had time to get adjusted. Generally the days are really hot and the nights are cooler, but this year it just turned blistering hot and keeps that way 24 hours. It is 102 in the shade already, and has been so for a couple of weeks or more. . . .

"The church of India needs your special prayers, for in these days she is going to have to take her stand for Christ in a new way. Native workers will be tested as they have never known tests before. For centuries the upper classes have suppressed those of a class lower than they . . . The church is going to have to stand alone. She can by the Grace of God, by prayer and faith. It is going to be painful for the missionaries to watch 'their child' have to walk alone, as it were. We, too, will need your prayers for real love and grace to let go and let God'. . .

"Please do not listen to reports, which are many, that communications are cut off, until the post office, or official papers announce such a thing. The enemy wants us to hear deceitful reports, that the Lord's work and His people will suffer. This has happened in other countries when war came close, and that is why we encourage you to receive official information before you decide it is no use."

## ALASKA

Brother and Sister Artaban L. Calame have arrived at their destination in Seward where they have gone to open a new gospel center much farther north than their former location in Wrangell.

Writing en route to Seward, from Ketchikan, Brother Calame said: "There have been several changes in Alaskan life since we were last here. We are definitely in a war zone. . . .

"We have had special services here this  
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# Studies in Revelation

By J. NARVER GORTNER

## STUDY XXV

### THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST

#### Chapter 13:18

In the last study it was stated that verse 18 of this chapter is so important that it seems fitting that a whole study be devoted to it. Hardly any verse in the book of Revelation has been the subject of so much discussion by students of the Prophetic Word as this remarkable verse we are now to consider: "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."

In the Con. Ver. the verse is rendered thus: "Here is wisdom. Let him who has a mind calculate the number of the wild beast, for it is the number of mankind, and its number is six hundred sixty-six." And Moffat renders it, "Now for the gift of interpretation! Let the discerning calculate the cipher of the Beast; it is the cipher of a man, and the figures are six hundred and sixty-six." And the rendering in the Smith-Goodspeed translation is even more significant: "There is wisdom hidden here! Let everyone of intelligence calculate the animal's number, for it indicates a certain man; its number is 666."

It is not to be understood that the *mark* of the beast and the *number* of the beast are identical. Some have erred here, regarding them as identical. That they are not to be so regarded seems to be evident from what we read in verses 16, 17, "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Here it will be observed three things are made mention of, no one of which must be confused with either of the others: "the mark," "the name of the beast," and "the number of his name." What "the mark" will be we are not told, and what "the name of the beast" will be we are not informed; but "the number of his name" has been revealed. "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to

our children." (Deut. 29:29.)

It is important that we bear in mind that the number is not the number of the second beast, the beast out of the earth, but of the first beast, the beast out of the sea. And, since we have identified the beast out of the sea with the Antichrist, the number of the beast is the number of Antichrist.

Much has been written concerning the number of the beast; and it is doubtless true that much ink has been wasted in printing a great deal of what has been written, and much time has been lost and much confusion caused, by reading it. Certainly, as we approach a theme like this, we need the help of the Holy Spirit. Without that help we fail, or grievously err.

Six is the number of man, and is so regarded in every quarter where recognition is given to the fact that number in Scripture is significant; and no one who studies the subject can fail to see its significance. It was on the sixth day that man was created, and the numeral six has been associated with man ever since. That man was created on the sixth day is the verdict of tradition as well as Scripture. In the Avesta, the sacred writings ascribed to Zoroaster, believed by Pliny to have been written at least a thousand years before Moses wrote the book of Genesis, it is said that the Creator at the beginning created the universe in a period of time which, it is stated, was divided into six definite periods of shorter duration; and that man was created in the sixth of these shorter periods.

Three is one of the perfect numbers, and the number of the Antichrist consists of three sixes, a trinity of sixes. The Antichrist will be a final product of the evolution of evil in the world. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." The lump of humanity will have been thoroughly leavened at the time of the end. Man thinks that he can get along without God. God has been renounced in Russia, and the Jehovah of the Hebrews has been ruled out of the Bible in Germany; and it is quite evident that the age is approaching that crisis when the iniquity of man will have reached its climax. Man thinks he does not need God, and God will let man

do his best, or, rather, his worst. The Antichrist will be a Superman; he will be a man of marvelous natural ability, a man of initiative, a man of genius, but he will be a MAN, a mere man, a man apart from God. Five is the number of grace and seven is the number of spiritual perfection and dispensational fulness. Six represents an addition to grace, and, as it falls short of the numeral seven, it represents the best that man can do apart from God. And man, apart from God, has been, and must be, a dismal failure.

Man was appointed to labor for six days. "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work." The sixth clause of the Lord's prayer treats of sin. Six times our Lord was charged with having a devil: (1) Matt. 12:24; Mark 3:22. (2) John 7:20. (3) John 8:48. (4) John 8:52. (5) John 10:20. (6) Luke 11:15. This is most significant, as it shows that man's enmity to the Person of the Lord Jesus has been marked by the numeral six.

Psalms 9 and 10 are united, an alphabetic acrostic running through them, thus showing us that they belong together. It is a most interesting and significant fact that six letters of the Hebrew alphabet are lacking in this acrostic. There was evidently a reason for leaving out those six letters. It was not an accident; it did not just happen; and the structure of the Psalms is such that it is evident that portions of the original text were not omitted through carelessness, as has been suggested, by a scribe to whom had been assigned the task of copying what the original writer had written. The reason for the omission can be found in the subject of the Psalms which is "the Man of the Earth" (10:18), the coming Antichrist, and the Apostasy which will mark his presence, called "the times of trouble" (9:9; 10:1). A careful study of these two Psalms will show the receptive mind that they are prophetic in character, and that the prophecies await fulfillment at the time of the end. "The Wicked" who will "persecute the poor," saying, "Let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined," and who will "boast of his heart's desire," and "bless the covetous,"

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# Women's Missionary Council

The Women's Missionary Council held nine meetings during camp meeting, most of them in the new St. Helena Church and Council building, and there was fine display of new hand-made things including about 20 comforters and quilts; at least 16 beautiful braided and hooked rugs of cotton and rayon materials; three large bright-colored oilcloth dolls dressed appropriately and armed with dish rags, potholders, soap, chore girl, etc., ready for work in the kitchen; five complete layettes (these were all given out); many dresses for children and women; aprons; table mats; dish towels; table scarfs; children's pajamas and underclothing and many other things. These were all given out to foreign or home missionaries or workers in the Lord's vineyard. Many boxes of good used clothing were also distributed and dishes, cooking utensils, silverware, furniture and other miscellaneous articles. Some of the money taken up in the offerings was used to purchase linoleum for a number of the Home Missions parsonages and letters of thanks and appreciation have already been received. Necessary household articles were purchased for others.

Space will not permit for a full report of the meetings and blessings received from the testimonies of what the groups have done and the interesting talks by the missionaries, so a letter will be sent to each pastor's wife with more details which we trust will give new inspiration to those who are interested in the women's work. One speaker said: "To those who complain of trouble among the women in the church, there is less talk and less confusion if the women are kept busy," and added that women have more talents to work with than most men, for instance, Dorcas had just a needle for her talent, but she used it and people wept when she died. Martha ministered to the needs of Jesus. She was rebuked not for the work she did, but for her fretting. Fretting over our ministry is a shame, but doing it calmly and worshipfully is pleasing to God.

One very good suggestion given by Sister Woodworth, wife of our Camp Meeting evangelist, which many groups will be able to use to advantage under the direc-

tion of their pastors, is *organized visiting*. There are always women in the church who are not interested in sewing and these can gather at specified times (once a week or once or twice a month) for prayer and go out in twos for visitation making sure that no two go to the same place: (a) hospitals, (b) house to house calling, especially to homes of new visitors to church, (c) Sunday School absentees, (d) sick and shut-ins, (e) giving out tracts, (f) street meetings, and (g) assisting the men with jail work. A good book to help with this effort is: "Every Member Evangelism" by Conant, and will probably be found in your pastor's library, or he will be glad to get a copy for you, and it could be read and discussed as part of the program for this group.

Missionaries who spoke at the different services included Ruth Couthman from Peru, Mrs. Mildred Charles who works among the Indians, Mrs. Herman Winkelman from Samoa, Lydia Graner from India, Gladys Kramer from Africa, who told us she would rather be an African with a white heart than an American with a black one, and Mrs. W. W. Simpson who told of her experiences with bandits in China. Of course we also heard from all of our own Home Missionaries who expressed thanks and appreciation for the thoughtfulness and kindnesses of the W. M. C. groups.

Mention must also be made of those women who spent hours arranging and kindly helping with the distribution of the used clothing and other things that were given out. A number of the women willingly gave of their time to supervise at the children's playground and this was also greatly appreciated.

Mrs. R. J. THURMOND, *Director*.

"Did you think you were forgotten?"

Did you think that love had flown?

Did you fear that in the darkness

God had left you all alone?

Did you think He *could* forsake you?

Did you think He *could* forget?

Hath His kindness ever left you?

Hath His mercy failed you yet?"

—Selected.

## W. M. C. WORKS

An account of the reported combined efforts of the Women's Missionary Council groups over the District during the past year was given at the last meeting the ladies had during the camp meeting.

It is amazing how much work has been done by the ladies in the hours devoted to their meetings which include worship as well as handiwork. Here are some of the figures. These are of the work reported. (All reports were not sent in.)

Given out: 14,593 religious papers, \$10.00 worth of papers (tracts and *Reveilles*) for the soldiers, 27 Bibles, 278 New Testaments and Gospels, 30 boxes to foreign missionaries, 189 boxes to home missions, \$309.50 to Foreign missions, \$111.05 to home missions, 54 boxes of garments, 5,401 garments, 1315 pounds of groceries, 51 quilts, 63 baby layettes, 110 quilts and blankets, 35 baby quilts, 3 cook stoves, 1 water heater, 3 communion sets. Over \$125.00 in groceries were given to the needy, many hundreds of sick calls to hospitals and homes were made, and calls in homes in the interest of the gospel. Many showers were given for missionaries and pastors, and many groups have been actively engaged in Red Cross work in their communities.

The offerings taken in the W. M. C. meetings during the camp meeting amounted to \$35.00. This money was used to purchase linoleum which is to be used in parsonages of churches which belong to the District. In addition 13 9x12 rugs were secured, and several pieces of yardage floor covering.

The ladies are doing a good work. Their ministry has found a real place in the District activities. It is planned that even more be accomplished in the ensuing year. In that last meeting at camp it was arranged that various of the local organizations provide quilts for the modern cabins on the campground, with the understanding that the ladies making the quilts pray that those who sleep under them be brought to know the salvation of the Lord. May it be so, Lord!

Don't stay away from church because the church is not perfect; how lonesome you would feel in a perfect church.



# District Council News

R. J. THURMOND, *Superintendent*

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R. J. RENFROE, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## REPORT OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Beloved in Christ:

Greetings in the name of Him we love and serve!

What a thrill it gives to have the consciousness of His presence, and to have sweet communion with Him daily.

We can hope to succeed in the gospel work only as we walk close by His side, and as His life is lived through us to meet the need of a world that now seems to be ruled by Mars, the god of war.

I have just had a week of rest, and my soul has been lifted up in Him with a sense of His love and of security that outweighs all the problems that confront us and the uncertainties we face due to world conditions. Thank God for the peace that passeth understanding.

I am not able to give much of a report at this time as this issue of GLAD TIDINGS is going to press three weeks after the camp meeting. One of these weeks was spent in clean-up about the campground, and another in resting up in the big pines above Chico at the Collum home.

However, a service and business meeting was held at Burlingame where Brother and Sister Ray Davis are pastors. Also there was a business meeting at Richmond where Brother C. E. Persing was elected to be pastor, and then to a farewell service in Escalon Sunday morning, July 26, for Brother and Sister Persing. That evening we were in Turlock for the installation service that inducted Brother Allen V. Brown as the new pastor of Bethel Temple. Then on Monday July 27, there was a dedication service in Salinas to dedicate the new church of which Brother and Sister Fred Reichert are pastors.

A trip was made to Fort Bragg where a service was held and a visit made with Pastor and Mrs. Paul Johnson who have resigned. We stopped in Booneville and had a good visit with Pastor Glen Akers and Evangelists Edwin J. Holmes and Thomas G. Jackson who are in the midst of a revival meeting there.

## SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Aug. 3—Berkeley, Fallon, Nev.,  
Salyer, Tuolumne, Willits.

10—Grass Valley, San Francisco (Bethel).

17—Healdsburg, San Rafael,  
Turlock.

24—Monterey (Hill Top).

## DISTRICT CHANGES

Transferred In:

Marjory Johnson (Licensed) from the North Dakota District

Transferred Out:

Mrs. Amelia Noah (Licensed) to the Oregon District

J. W. Stovall (Licensed) to the Southern California District

*The biggest room in creation,  
The biggest under the sun,  
Is just the room for improvement  
That is open for everyone.*

*So don't let your eyes be blinded,  
And don't pass by the door,  
Because in the room for improvement  
There's always room for more.*  
—Selected.

There are a number of changes in the making now in the District. We are looking to the Lord to guide in these matters. As moves are made in His will the churches will prosper, and the ministry of the brethren will not be in vain. Praise the Lord!

Assuring you of our prayers and looking forward to meeting you at the fellowship meetings and in your churches, I am

Sincerely, In His name,  
R. J. THURMOND,  
*District Superintendent.*

## STANDING COMMITTEES

*Approved by the District Presbytery*

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

J. W. Belchar, chairman

L. R. Keys

J. N. Gortner

T. E. Woods

K. E. Jillson

W. T. Gaston

R. A. Wilson

M. P. Bohnet

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Wm. Savidge

J. B. Stark

P. E. Radley

L. F. Wilson

### HOME MISSIONS

C. Ely Persing, chairman

S. H. Robertson

R. E. Cull

H. D. Byram

E. O. Robeck

D. G. Weston

Christ when He came on earth declared there was no blessedness equal to the blessedness of obedience.

## IN NEED OF GOD

If we do not have the Spirit of God it were better that we shut the churches, nail up the doors, put a black cross on them and say: "God have mercy upon us."

If ministers have not the Spirit of God, it were better that you did not preach and your people had better stay at home.

I think I speak not too strongly when I say that the church in the land without the Spirit of God is rather a curse than a blessing.

If you have not the Spirit of God, Christian worker, remember that you stand in somebody else's way. You are a tree bearing no fruit standing where a fruitful tree might grow.—Spurgeon.



# G. T. B. I. Alumni Echoes

WM. A. WEINMANN, reporter

## Third Annual Alumni Banquet and Business Meeting

On Saturday afternoon, June 20, 127 members of the Glad Tidings Bible Institute Alumni Association gathered in the attractively decorated dining room of the Institute to feast and fellowship together.

An interesting feature of this occasion was the roll call of the classes. As this progressed it was discovered that there were representatives present from all of the classes, from the first class of 1921 on up to 1942, with the exception of the class of 1922. The largest representation was from the class of 1924.

We were greatly inspired by the testimonies from several of the members. Sister Martha Merrill Simpson, Class of '23, was overflowing with joy to be re-united once again with one of her classmates, Sister Hedwig Hansen. Both of these sisters, graduates of the same class, are foreign missionaries, Sister Simpson having labored in Tibet with her husband, and Sister Hansen who spent a number of years in India. Sister Simpson also told of the faithfulness of God through all of their many difficult trials and tests. Another interesting account of their labors for the Lord was given by Sister Ralph Williams (nee Jewel Stoddard), '24, who had returned recently from Central America in order to bring their children to the home land for their education.

The speakers of the afternoon were Brother Louis Weston, '24, from Monrovia, California, Brother T. J. Jones, Dean of the Bible Institute, and Brother J. Narver Gortner, President of G. T. B. I.

The business conducted was a motion which readily carried that the officers of the Alumni Association be retained. They are:

President, Harry Warwick  
Vice-President, La Vera Stevens  
Secretary-Treasurer, Wm. Weinmann

George Rasmussen, '37, writes from Lakota, N. D.: "While at the North Dakota camp meeting in Lakewood Park in June, we had a Glad Tidings Alumni gathering. There were ten Alumni members present at this occasion, and these ten formed a special choir which sang at the

C. A. musicale "Is It the Crowning Day?" Those present were: George and Ocey Brown, Chester Osland, Emma Wilson, Dolly Gibson, Helen Fanning, Edward Kidroske, Evelyn Osland, Adeline Osland, and George Rasmussen.

Brother and Sister George Brown are the new pastors at Cando, N. D.

Dolly Gibson and Helen Fanning, '41, are in a new work at Kenmare, N. D.

Chester Osland is in Hettinger, N. D., with the Secretary-Treasurer of the North Dakota District Council.

Theodore Ness, '38, is in Toronto, Canada, at Brother Harvey McAllister's church during the absence of Brother McAllister.

The following report comes from Elsie Ovaska, '38: "For the past 16 months, Sister Isaacson and I have been laboring for the Lord in Butte, Montana, among the Finnish people. In the city of Butte there are from 3,000 to 4,000 Finnish people, and our church is located in the center of their community. We started a Sunday School with four children, and it has grown until there are over 70 enrolled at the present time, with a regular attendance of 40. During the time that we have been here 10 have been saved and are going on with the Lord. We love our work and are happy and contented to be in His perfect will."

## ALL WE NEED

There is recompense for sorrow;  
There is balm for hearts that ache;  
There is hope for every morrow,  
When the way of Christ we take.

There is peace in midst of turmoil;  
There is joy when eyes are dim;  
There is perfect understanding,  
When we leave it all with him.

There is love that passeth knowledge;  
There is faith to light the way;  
There is all we need in Jesus,  
When on Him, our trust we stay.  
—R. A. Brown, *Elim*

## A MESSAGE IN SONG TITLES

by ELIZABETH AVANT

"One Day" "Something got a Hold of Me" and said, "Is thy heart right with God?" "If today were the end of the world" "What would you give in exchange for your Soul?" Will you be "Lost after all," when "Sin is to blame" and "Jesus paid it all" "On the Cross of Calvary?" "Have I forgotten" that "He was nailed to the Cross for me," and that "By His stripes we are healed." Then I was "Almost persuaded" to say "I'll live for Him" when "Softly and Tenderly" "Jesus opened up the way" and I determined to "Kneel at the cross" and leave "All things in Jesus." I cried, "Just as I am" Lord, "Only a Sinner." Then "He took my sins away" for "He was not willing" that any be left "Drifting," "When the saints go marching in."

Now "He's a wonderful Saviour to me" and "If Jesus goes with me" "I'll live for Him." Then "When Jesus returns for His own" and "The redeemed are gathered in" "I'll go travelling through the air" to be "In the City where the Lamb is the Light." For "This world is not my Home" "Since I have been redeemed" and there is "Pentecost in my soul." "I am on my way to Heaven," "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" until the very "Last mile of the way" "When we all get to Heaven" resting "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." We'll sing "His praise" "Yesterday, Today and Forever More."—*The Comforter*.

## A MAN A DAY

"On a stormy Monday morning after reading and prayer, I ventured to ask Mr. Moody wherein his power lay. (It seemed that every man with whom he spoke on the subject of salvation and becoming a Christian was swept right into the kingdom. Oh, how I craved this blessing and power!) After putting the question to him he said,

"'Billhorn, I will tell you this much; I made a promise to God and the rule of my life is that I would speak at least to one man every day about his soul's salvation.'

"I said, 'But, Mr. Moody, the opportunity does not always present itself.'

"He quickly replied, 'It will if you keep in touch with God and keep your eyes open for the opportunity.'"—P. Billhorn.

When you borrow trouble you give your peace of mind as security.



# Christ's Ambassadors

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## SUNSET CIRCLE NOTES

*From a C. A.'s Notebook*

... There are some things that it will be difficult for me to forget—in fact they are things that I won't want to forget as long as I live. For instance: the cloud of Inspiration that seemed to hover over Sunset Circle every time young people gathered there for a service during camp. It seemed to be hallowed ground, hallowed by the blessed presence of the Holy Spirit.

Moses and the children of Israel had some unusual and wonderful experiences, but I don't think they had anything on us when it comes to real joy and inspiration in the Lord. Indeed, Sunset Circle was a place covered by a cloud. . .

Then there was the C. A. convention chorus, "O, I Love That Man of Calvary." Every time I sang it a greater love seemed to well up in my heart to my Lord Jesus. I couldn't help but open my eyes one evening at Vespers while we were singing that chorus, and watch the scores of other C. A.'s as they sang with closed eyes and upraised hands. I would have given anything to have had some of my friends who think religion is for old folks who have one foot in the grave, to have seen that sight. Most people forget that Jesus was still a young man when He was crucified—hardly older than our own C. A. leaders—and that if anyone can understand young people and help them in their problems, it is He . . .

I'll not forget those morning Round Table Discussions, either. They were so down to earth and practical. I'm sure they are going to help us in days to come at home in our work for the Lord. It's sort of like sitting on the top of a "glory" mountain when you are at camp, with so many other fine young people who want God's best in their lives; but I've got sense enough to know that if I ever want to climb another mountain that's higher, there will be a valley of service to walk through, too. These discussions were grand for the "valley" days to come.

I heard a couple of groups of other C. A.'s talking, and they said that after

these discussions they had made some decisions for the Lord that they had not been willing to make before. A lot of people say that Christianity makes demands on you that are not reasonable; but honest, when things are discussed in a frank and open way, I believe that the demands the Lord makes of us are the most logical and reasonable in the world. . . .

The young men and women that spoke at Vespers from night to night were a real encouragement to me. They were so "on fire" for the Lord, and their messages were just what we young people needed. If Jesus tarries a few more years, maybe the Lord will allow me to follow in their footsteps and minister like they're ministering now. . . .

And our C. A. officers—God bless them! I've resolved to pray for them every day. I hope others will, too. Brother Harold Lehman, our outgoing president, asked us to stand loyally behind our new officers for they will be serving in the most trying times in which any generation of young people has ever lived.

All of the C. A.'s have so appreciated Brother Lehmann and his leadership as our C. A. President for the past two years, and his life has been a real inspiration to us all. His "farewell" message out at Vespers on *Spiritual Dynamos* surely struck a responsive note in my heart. O, dear God, help us to be real and genuine, and always to seek Thy best! . . .

Oh, yes, and I'll never, never forget as long as I live those Fagot Services. I've made so many notations about them that I don't know where to begin to glean. I got to attend one of them last year. I had never been to such services in my life. But whether my memory is poor, or whether it was because I had gone deeper in the Lord in my own Christian experience in the past year, I have never witnessed such precious consecration services before. Brother Oliver Foth remarked that two of our ministers had told him that they had never seen the like in the forty years they had been in Pentecost. If it were any more wonderful I would have had to have had

Dear C. A.'s:

You will be receiving a letter from your newly elected officers in the near future concerning the business that was transacted during our annual C. A. convention at St. Helena, and outlining some of our objectives for the coming year.

Surely the "night is coming when no man can work," and if ever our Lord and His Church needed real Ambassadors to represent Him in this "worldly world" it is now—right now. May we ever be mindful of this glorious fact that we actually *are* Christ's Ambassadors.

In Calvary's bonds,  
Your C. A. Executives.

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wings to fly. The tears come to my eyes every time I think of those scenes now—the fire, the pine cones, the consecration, the broken melted hearts, the praises that continued far into the morning hours.

One night there were a number of unsaved and backslidden young people who surrendered to the Lord following the consecration service. It seemed that the power of God came down like rain, and several, I was told, also received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit during the Fagot Service. I talked to one young man afterwards. He had just been saved a few weeks before camp and he had received his Baptism during a Fagot Service—and did his face shine! . . .

There are ever so many more things I'll not forget and will have to encourage my heart when the way might seem dreary in the future. I've set them all down in a permanent notebook, so that I can take an imaginary trip back to Sunset Circle at will.

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"What you eat becomes a part of your body; what you think becomes a part of your character."—*Assembly Reporter*.

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John Wesley said, "God does nothing but in answer to prayer." That being the case we should know what to do in order to see the works of God.



# Sunday School News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative  
Morgan Hill, California

## ABC BLOCKS FOR S.S. BUILDING

(Luke 6:48)

- A—ACCEPTANCE of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord is all important and rightfully comes first.
- B—BIBLE TEACHING provides the only way whereby the boys and girls may learn first hand of Christ and the Christian life.
- C—CHILDREN are the most important consideration of our Sunday School. The child is our future parent, our future church, our future nation.
- D—DIG DEEP for blessings to come down from above.
- E—EXPANSION and extension means growth.
- F—FORGET. Be a good forgetter; life is too short to remember that which prevents one from doing his best.
- G—GRADE your school by departments.
- H—HOUSE TO HOUSE canvassing, systematically and prayerfully, should be the program of every "live" Bible School.
- I—INSTALL systems of awards and recognition for pupil's accomplishments; systems and methods of teaching best fitted for each department.
- J—JOYFUL social times. (All work and no play makes a dull Sunday School.) Permit your pupils to live a balanced life under spiritual influence.
- K—KEEP after absentees.
- L—LIBRARY. What are your boys and girls reading—literary trash or treasures?
- M—MISSIONARY. Children are never too young to become missionary-minded.
- N—NEW pupils should merit special attention. Lasting impressions are formed during first contacts.
- O—OFFICERS and teachers monthly meetings are indispensable.
- P—PROGRESS is our aim, not just action.
- Q—QUESTION. Why make large use of the question in Sunday School teaching? Answer: in order to secure attention, to provoke thought, to strengthen knowledge, to test knowl-

edge as an incentive to lesson study and as a test of the teachers' work.

R—RELATIVE VALUE. (Christ's estimate): "What shall it profit a man (boy or girl), if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36.)

S—SCRIPTURE MEMORIZING is all-important.

T—TEACHER training is an essential step toward a bigger and better Sunday School.

U—UNLOAD unnecessary fears and burdens on Christ, the burden bearer.

V—VACATION Bible School merits a definite place in every Sunday School program.

W—WIN every pupil to Christ.

X—"X" that unknown and unrealized weakness, often an intangible lethargy.

Y—YOUTH on the march! Keep them in the army of the Lord.

Z—ZEAL and "zealous" are used sparingly but significantly in the Bible. Let us take with us as a great Sunday School memory verse, Titus 2:14, where Paul writes of our Saviour, Jesus Christ; "Who gave himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."—Gleanings from "*The A, B, C's of a Successful Sunday School*" by Benson.

If you are tempted to lose patience with some one, stop and think how patient God has been with you.

Edward Payson wore the hardwood boards into grooves where his knees were pressed so often and so long.

## PRAYER REQUEST:

Boys and Girls please pray with me for a certain boy that is in a hard place and is in need of special help and care from the Lord at this time.

SISTER MAST.

## OUR CORNER

### DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:

Greetings in the Name of Our Great Commander, Jesus.

Our 1942 Camp D.V.B.S. at St. Helena is over and gone. It was well attended, and if you were fortunate enough to attend, you can say with me, "We had a grand time!"

Some of our boys and girls were blessedly saved and others gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit. God is so good.

We appreciated having some splendid teachers again this year. God bless them for their good work!

### Now for a SPECIAL NOTICE:

For the past months you will remember that "Aunt Ruth" wrote to us through our page in the GLAD TIDINGS some very interesting things about flowers, giving us some valuable lessons from them.

You will remember, too, that we were to make Garden scrap books of the material Aunt Ruth provided, and that the boys and girls who had made the best one by camp meeting time was to receive a reward. Some of the boys and girls brought theirs to camp meeting; but I was afraid that some of you who had made Bible Garden Books didn't get to come to camp so I postponed judging the books for another month to give all of you a chance to mail your book in to me.

Mail them to Evangelist Bernice Mast, Morgan Hill, California, and get them in before September 1. I will have them judged and return them to you. Don't forget, will you?

## OUR BIBLE TRIP CONTINUED

We were riding camels you remember, and our last stop was ————— (Joshua 6:1). This was where we watched the great ————— (Psalms 18:29) tumble down, and where we met ————— (Josh. 6:23).

Well, let's go on: where? I know—let's visit a ————— (Rev. 5:10) ————— (Neh. 1:1).

Let's exchange our ————— (Matt. 3:4) for a ————— (Psa. 104:3) and be on our way.

We are going to visit ————— (Dan. 1:18) in his ————— (Dan. 1:4) at ————— (Dan. 4:6). We want to talk to ————— (Dan. 7:1) and ask him



MY CHURCH NEEDS ME

Yes, my Church needs me. Regardless of my relative importance, there is a work in my Church no one else can do. My Church is counting on me to do that work. If I do not do it, very likely it will never be done. Therefore, I cannot fail my Church.

My Church may have her weak points—in fact I am sure she has; but I cannot fail to do my duty because of those weak points. Though there be an Achan in the camp, though there be a measure of wickedness in high places, though a hypocrite may now and then slip into her communion, and though a wolf may once in awhile don the cleric robes of her ministry, my Church still needs me, and I must not fail her.

What if I do not find the perfection of the ideologist in my Church, shall I scorn her because she shows marks of imperfection? Not unless I would forsake my mother because she had grown lame, or my father because he had fallen sick. If my Church were perfect, perhaps she would not need me at all. But since she is not, I am sure that she needs me. I will not fail her.

My Church needs my prayers, my songs, my service, my loyalty. She needs my testimony, my means and my presence in her worship. She needs my fellowship, my defence and my boost. She needs my Christian experience, my faith and my zeal. She needs my devotion to God and to duty, my life and my sacrifice. My Church needs me.

I am glad my Church needs me, for I need her so much. I cannot get along without her help. I hope she will never have to get along without mine. For I know my Church needs me, although—I am only an average Church Member.—Selected.

John Welch, the Scottish preacher, thought the day ill spent if he did not spend eight or ten hours in prayer.

to show us the \_\_\_\_\_ (Dan. 3:20) where \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Dan. 3:23) were thrown into the \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 22:7).

... In fact we could spend quite some time there; maybe you would like to remain and visit with \_\_\_\_\_ (Dan. 4:9) until we meet again next month to continue our Bible Journey.

THE SOUL OF A CHILD

*The soul of a child is the loveliest flower  
That grows in the garden of God.  
It climbs from weakness to knowledge and power,  
To the sky from the clay and the clod.*

*To beauty and sweetness it grows under care,  
Neglected, 'tis ragged and wild;  
'Tis a plant that is tender and wondrously rare,  
The sweet wistful soul of a child.*

*Be tender, O gardener, and give it its share  
Of moisture, of warmth, and of light;  
To let it not lack for painstaking care,  
To protect it from frost and blight.*

*For the day will soon come when the bud will be bloom  
And to the ways of the world be beguiled.  
Let us win him to Christ while yet there is room  
In the sensitive soul of the child.*

NEW ARRIVALS

(Betty) Lehmann, Miss Gretchen Elizabeth, arrived in Oakland, July 12, to add to the joys and cares of her delighted parents, Pastor and Mrs. H. S. Lehmann.

Word has been received that a new missionary arrived in Brazil on February 25. He is Andrew, son of Brother and Sister Bernhard Johnson. He weighed 11 pounds.

Brother and Sister John Hopcroft are the proud and happy parents of a son born May 21. Little Paul David will make his home with his parents in Hollister.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Sylvia Boyer was married to Edward Watkins July 16, 1942, at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Sister Boyer has been faithful in home missionary work in the Redwood iDstrict for a number of years, and she will be missed there by her many friends as she makes her residence at 605 E. 16th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

MISSIONS

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week. We had a very excellent service last night with the children using some illus-

trations with corks and chemicals that made the story of how Christ cleanses from sin very real. The children and adults alike were quite impressed, and I believe a real work was done. We covet a continued interest in your prayers as we enter our work at Seward."

AFRICA

From their work in Freetown, Liberia, Brother and Sister John Kennedy write in part: "We have entertained quite a few visitors in our home, mostly missionaries who have had to leave other parts of Africa. With accomodations so difficult to get in this busy place we all do all we can to help stranded folk.

"War conditions and troublous times surround us. Even so we can report victories. Our church folk have had days of prayer in the bush. They call these days a camp meeting. It has wonderfully helped in the spirit of our meetings. During these meetings people were healed, saved, and filled with the Holy Spirit. . . .

"Perhaps our report for the last quarter will interest you. Our visiting committee has been on the job and has called on 197 homes. Through their ministry many have been spiritually helped, some healed, and others led to attend our church services. We have record of 37 having accepted Christ in salvation, 47 have been touched by the healing virtue of Jesus, and seven of our folk have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

"We have had another wonderful baptismal service, the second since our coming to Freetown. Seven were immersed, and there are others awaiting baptism. . . .

"In another few weeks the rain should start; then our water supply will not be so limited. There is always a great water shortage during the dry season, and the people suffer. There are only certain hours a day when the water taps are open, and then the crowds gather for their daily ration. As soon as the rains begin we hope to plant a garden. It will be quite a task of terracing, living on the hillside as we do.

"Continue to pray that God will bless our work here. We are so thankful for the Sunday school picture charts that just came to us, and also for the cards. The older members of the Sunday School almost feel slighted because they do not receive the picture cards as the children do."



## TRUE REST

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them into the promised rest. "Joshua" means Saviour. Let Jesus become your Joshua. The failures and wanderings of the past need not cause despair but as you trust Jesus He can bring you into the promised rest.

Through the sprinkling of the blood we have been saved. Through His High-priest work, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the promised rest can become a definite reality. Let faith arise in your heart. There is deliverance for you from the cares and perplexities of life. *"There is therefore a rest to the people of God."*

Faith is repose in what another can and will do for you. Faith ceases to seek help in itself or its efforts. Faith ceases to be troubled with its need or its weakness; it rests in the sufficiency of the all-sufficient One who has undertaken to lead into the promised rest. That One is Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God. Trust in Him and follow Him fully, for He is the rest. The soul that has found Him and has yielded all to Him has entered into the rest of God. This life is not meant for a favored few. God calls all to enter into rest.

The name of our Christ has been reproached and defamed because of the lives of professing Christians. People do not want Christ because of the example many set. The whole thing lies in the fact that there is not a life of entire consecration.

Do not rest content in the thought of conversion for it may be you shall perish in the wilderness as Israel did. There is the promised land of rest. The soul who is not willing at all costs to yield to Christ when He offers to bring us into the rest of God has reason to fear that all his faith in God is simply the selfishness that seeks escape from punishment, that is content with as little of God here as may suffice to secure heaven hereafter.

The message is *"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. . . . There is a rest to the people of God. . . . Let us labor to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. We have a great high-priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, so let us hold fast our profession for he is touched with the feelings of our infirmities, and has been tempted in all points like as we,*

## PRAISE AT MIDNIGHT

by CARRIE JUDD MONTGOMERY

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's bands were loosened."—Acts 16:25, 26.

The darkness still is deep'ning,  
O tried and weary heart,  
No rift of morning brightness  
Bids midnight gloom depart;  
The prison walls surround thee,  
No human help is nigh,  
But blest is the assurance  
Thy Saviour reigns on high.

When shadowed in the darkness,  
And pressed by every foe,  
Then let your gladdest carols  
And sweetest anthems flow;  
The praise so sweet to Jesus,  
The "sacrifice of praise,"  
Is when no earthly sunshine  
Pours forth its cheering rays.

'Tis then your song is wafted  
All human heights above,  
And mingles with the angels'  
In realms of perfect love;  
'Tis then the God of glory  
Makes Satan fear and flee,  
And sends a mighty earthquake  
To set His ransomed free.

'Tis easy when the morning  
Appears at last to view  
To praise thy strong Redeemer  
Who burst the bondage through,  
But 'tis the praise at midnight  
That gives the foe alarm,  
That glorifies thy Saviour,  
And bares His strong right arm.

A conqueror thou wouldst be?  
Yea, more than conqueror thou,  
If thou wilt shout in triumph  
And claim the victory now;  
The prison doors will open,  
The dungeon gleam with light,  
And sin-chained souls around thee  
Shall see Jehovah's might.

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YET WITHOUT SIN; so we can come boldly to the throne of grace and obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us believe. Let us look up and trust here, a life of victory over self and sin. Him to lead us into His promised rest

## SERVICE

When Martin Luther set out on the work which shook the world, his friend Myconius expressed sympathy. "But," he said, "I can best help where I am. I will remain and pray while you toil."

Myconius prayed day by day, but as he prayed he began to feel uncomfortable. One night he had a dream. He thought the Saviour Himself approached and showed him His hands and feet. He saw the fountain in which he had been cleansed from sin. Then looking earnestly into his eyes, the Saviour said, "Follow Me."

The Lord took him to a lofty mountain and pointed eastward. Looking in that direction Myconius saw a plain stretching away to the horizon. It was dotted with white sheep—thousands and thousands of them. One man was trying to shepherd them all. The man was Luther.

The Saviour pointed westward. Myconius saw a great field of standing corn. One reaper was trying to harvest it all. The lonely labourer was spent and exhausted, but still he persisted in his task. Myconius recognized in the solitary reaper his old friend Luther. "It is not enough," said Myconius when he awakened, "that I should pray. The sheep must be shepherded; the fields must be reaped. Here am I; send me."—Elim Evangel.

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## CURRENT SIGNS

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bat prohibition trends and to give the public "a much needed lesson in the fundamental soundness of the liquor business." Well, let's take a look at that fundamental soundness.

This business is one of the few in the U. S. which profits on the snaring of drinkers into physical, social, and economic chaos—to say nothing of the immorality involved. It destroys vast quantities of good grain, fruit and sugar; it destroys the purchasing power of its own customers; it cuts their life-expectancy; it weakens educational, cultural and religious activity; it breeds crime; it provides the major cause of traffic accidents and deaths; it depresses real estate values and living standards; it constitutes a hideous hazard to efficient war production and national defense. Remember Pearl Harbor!

SOUND? You'll have to think up a better one than that, for your conference; you just can't fool all the people all the time.—Christian Herald.



## STUDIES IN REVELATION

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and who, "through the pride of his countenance will not seek after God," will be none other than "that Wicked" that Paul speaks of in 2 Thess. 2:8, namely, the personal Antichrist.

For six years, Athaliah sat upon the throne of David and reigned as a usurper. It was at the end of the six years, that Joash was brought forth and Athaliah was slain. During the six years of the usurpation of the throne, Joash was hidden in the house of the Lord (2 Kings 11:3). Joash may be regarded as a type of Messiah, the rightful King. He is now hidden in the Father's house on high. The usurper is reigning, but at the appointed time the King will be manifested, and the usurper will be ejected. Probably at the end of the sixth thousand years of human history the kingdom of the rightful King will be set up. So some of the fathers of the early church believed, and it is in harmony with what many interpreters have taught.

Goliath and Nebuchadnezzar were avowed enemies of God, and of God's people; and the numeral six is stamped on each of them. Goliath was six cubits high; he had six pieces of armor, and his spear's head weighed 600 shekels of iron. In Eph. 6:14-18 we read of the Christian's armor, and to the six pieces is added a seventh without which the six can be of little avail. The seventh piece is prayer. Nebuchadnezzar made an image and set it up, and the people were required to worship the image which appears to have been an image of himself. The Antichrist at the time of the end will imitate what Nebuchadnezzar did. The "times of the Gentiles" began with Nebuchadnezzar and will end with Antichrist, and Nebuchadnezzar is to be regarded as an outstanding type of Antichrist. The image was sixty cubits high and six cubits broad, and six instruments of music summoned the worshippers to worship it.

The number of talents of gold brought to Solomon in a year was 666 (1 Kings 10:14). This represented the perfection of money power, but Solomon called it "vanity and vexation of spirit" (Ec. 2:8-11).

There are six words used for man in the Bible, four in the Old Testament and two in the New. The four in the Old Testament are *ahdahm* which means "man as a human being, having regard to his having

been created and to his earthly origin" (Gen. 1:26); *ish* which is used of man "as strong and vigorous of mind and body," and "with some degree of pre-eminence of strength and endowment" (Ps. 39:11); *enosh* which represents "weak man, as mortal and subject to suffering and death; the heir of corruption" (Ps. 103:15); and *gehver* which represents "a strong man, a man of might and valour, and as distinct from God" (Ps. 52:7). The two words in the New Testament are *anthropos* which answers to *ahdahm*, and *aneer* which answers to *ish*. Is it not a significant fact that there are six words in the Old and New Testaments that are used for man, six and only six? Can it be that it just happened? Hardly. And it is also a significant fact to which the Talmud calls attention that the serpent has six names all of which are found in the book of Job.

The numerical value of the Greek letters in the word translated *Jesus* is 888. Eight is the number of resurrection; it is the superabundant number. It is very fitting that the name of our Lord should be a trinity of eights. The numerical value of *Sodom* is 999, a trinity of nines, and nine is the number of judgment. The number of *Damascus* is 444. Four is the number of earth; the number of Damascus therefore is the *world* number.

It is a remarkable fact that the ancient Romans used just six letters of their alphabet in making what we call Roman numerals. Here they are, and all who are familiar with Roman numerals are familiar with them:

1. D	500
2. C	100
3. L	50
4. X	10
5. V	5
6. I	1
	666

The numeral M representing 1,000 was added in later years, being in the early days utterly unknown. So we see that on man's mathematics has been stamped, not only six, but a trinity of sixes.

Some one who has pointed out that the number 666 is very far reaching has remarked that it "is filled with a meaning deeper, perhaps, than anything we have yet discovered," and that one thing is *most certainly certain*, "and that is, that the triple six marks the culmination of man's opposition to God in the person of the coming Antichrist."

In 2 Thess. 2:3 the Antichrist is characterized as the "man of sin" (Gr. *ho anthropos tees hamartias*, lit., the man of the sin), and Goodspeed has given us an interpretation rather than a translation, rendering the Greek words, "the embodiment of disobedience." I like the interpretation. That is exactly what the Antichrist will be. Christ was the embodiment of obedience, and Antichrist will be "the embodiment of disobedience." All righteousness was, and is, concentrated in Christ, and all disobedience will be concentrated in Antichrist. So, as the number of Jesus is 888, the superabundant number it is fitting that the number of Antichrist should be 666, "the number of a man." Christ was a man, but He was more than a man: He was "God manifest in the flesh." Antichrist will be a mere man, but he "will oppose and exalt himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he, as God, sitting in the temple of God, will show himself that he is God" (2 Thess. 2:4).

The coming of Antichrist draweth nigh. The signs of the times indicate it. But, thank God, the second advent of our Lord also draweth nigh. And we are looking for the coming of Him Who at His coming

Will catch us away to be with Himself,  
Above all the bickering, sorrow, and strife,

To look on the face of our Saviour and Lord,

And receive with Him there our eternal reward,

And drink evermore of the river of life.

## THE NEED OF THE CHURCH

More tithes, and fewer drives,  
More action, and less faction,  
More workers, and fewer shirkers.  
More backers, and fewer slackers.  
More of God's plans, and less of men's.  
More praying, and less straying.  
More good news, and fewer book reviews.  
More liberal males, fewer food sales.  
More burden bearers, fewer tale bearers.  
More fighting squads, fewer tight wads.  
More souls service, if not less social service.  
More fasting and less feasting.  
More seeking for grace, and less for a place.  
More holiness of life, and less bickering and strife.  
More praying, and less playing.

—From *Kansas Fellowship News*.



# America on Her Knees

Joseph Lanphier knelt alone. He prayed for days alone in an upper room of the old North Dutch Church in Fulton Street, New York, praying for a revival. Each day he would give a general invitation to others to meet with him, but because none came he was not to be deterred in his purpose of praying a revival upon the nation. This was an ambitious request, and an adventure that would task the faith of even the greatest. Yet

## He Prayed On

Out of his soul came this request, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Finally one man joined him, and the next day there were six lifting their voices in unison for the long-delayed revival of holy fervency. Then the number jumped to twenty, then to a hundred, all beseeching the Lord for flood tides of glory to sweep the land. And soon the meeting house would not hold the vast groups of supplicants. These prayer meetings took hold of the imagination of the city, and from all ranks of life people came to pray. A second and a third room in the same building were filled; the entrances were choked with persons, and hundreds, so a report declares, went away from this "one man" prayer meeting disappointed because they could not get in.

The meeting overflowed to the John Street Methodist Church, and the lecture room was filled. Old Burton's Theater in Chambers Street was thrown open to the midday prayers, and this was overcrowded. From New York the prayer meeting leaped to Philadelphia, where the celebrated Jayne's Hall prayer meetings were started, and this hall was filled to overflowing.

How those groups sang straight from the heart! Lanphier, the city missionary in that church where the meetings started, taught them to sing old Gospel hymns, and soon on the streets, down at the wharfs, these hymns rang out. Prayer meetings started on board the ships at dock, and aboard one of them two hundred seafaring men were converted.

## Beecher

The meeting leaped again, and we find the church of Henry Ward Beecher thronged until Beecher himself had to attend and preach, and at the end of every sermon people were invited to come forward and accept Christ. The famous Theo-

dore Cuyler, a noted preacher, and author of more than five thousand religious articles, took a hand in the work, and ten thousand converts accepted Christ in less than six months under his spiritual ministry.

Over in Philadelphia more than three thousand people a day crowded the Jayne's Hall over a period of several months. They lifted that song, "Stand Up for Jesus" until it became the battle cry of the city.

## Revival Spread Westward

Back in New York it was estimated that six thousand people attended the twenty daily prayer meetings. Boston, cold intellectual center that it has always been, caught fire, and in the staid old churches hoary with age, prayer meetings ran into revivals, and thousands flocked to these new centers of spiritual light.

Over to Pittsburgh and into Cleveland, and on to Chicago, and even to Omaha, these prayer meetings spread until a traveler said in coming from Omaha that there was one continuous prayer meeting for two thousand miles. One man from a lumber camp attended a meeting in Philadelphia, and when he returned to the camp all alone he started the fire blazing, and several thousand were converted.

The prayer meeting became more than a season of prayer; happy seekers after God were found everywhere. Newspapers devoted full pages, front columns and large headlines to the delineating of the story of these prayer meetings.

Most business houses at the noon hour closed up that the owners and clerks, as well as the customers, might attend the prayer meetings. In Chicago in one church, more than two thousand would meet each noonday for prayer. One author, writing a few years after these scenes, said that reports came in from all the western states, as far as Washington, that the prayer meetings flamed out into revivals and that the Holy Spirit swept thousands into the kingdom.

## Finney

Finney preached up in New England during that winter, and powerful revivals followed his ministry. Elder Jacob Knapp joined in with the hosts of triumphant evangelists. Over on the prairies of Kansas

these converts of prayer awakened many young men to the kingdom.

One writer refers to this spiritual outburst of evangelism as being "essentially a deep national movement, based upon prayer rather than preaching, that restored the spiritual balance of thousands of American people."

The results seem impossible in terms of the humble beginning of the movement, a lonely praying man. It is estimated that one hundred thousand conversions occurred within the space of the first four months of these prayer meetings, and during the first year that followed the beginning of the work more than four hundred thousand had been brought to Jesus. Before this great revival ended more than a million souls had been won.

## Moody

It was in Chicago that a young man was selling shoes and when the noonday prayer times arrived he took his customers with him to the meetings. Dwight L. Moody wrote home to his mother about these wonderful prayer seasons. He said, "I go to meetings every night. Oh! how I enjoy it. It seems as if God were here Himself. O mother, pray for me! Pray that this work may go on until every knee is bowed." Out of these revivals, the work of the famous soul-winner Moody was born.

This alone—the setting of the pace which Moody was to follow in his revivals was worth all the effort that the lone missionary in the slums of lower New York City had put into the arousing of the consciences of the city to prayer, until the entire land was awakened.

## Welsh Revival

The next year we find the effects of this prayer meeting breathing forth in England, and the soul-inflaming revival of Wales was in full force.

## From a Humble Beginning

The availing power of prayer meetings turned the tide of millions back to God. The lone wailing voice of Lanphier heard in that upper room. "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" broke into the corridors of Wall Street, rang out to the dens of pleasure, until it was magnified a thousandfold, and as the sound of mighty thunder, the rolling of tremendous volumes of water, it quickened the conscience of millions.—*Revival Echoes.*